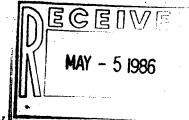
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April 30, 1986



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Re: The Cannons Engineering Corporation site in Bridgewater, Massachusetts; the Cannons Engineering Corporation site in Plymouth, Massachusetts; the Gilson Road site in Nashua, New Hampshire; and the Tinkham Garage site in Londonderry, New Hampshire, hereinafter collectively referred to as the Sites

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is to acknowledge receipt of a letter, dated March 28, 1986, relative to the captioned matter, from Merrill S. Homan, Director, Waste Management Division, United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region I, on April 1, 1986.

By copy of this letter to Greg J. Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this also acknowledges a letter, dated April 3, 1986, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE), relative to the Bridgewater and Plymouth, Massachusetts sites described in the captioned reference, on April 9, 1986.

By copy of this letter to George Dana Bisbee, Assistant Attorney General, Environmental Protection Bureau, Concord New Hampshire, this also acknowledges receipt of his letter, dated April 1, 1986, on April 14, relative to the Nashua and Londonderry sites.

Upon our receipt of these three letters, Olin Hunt Specialty Products Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Olin Hunt"), acting through the undersigned, its counsel in this matter, initiated an investigation to determine whether (and if so, to what extent) Olin transported hazardous wastes, chemicals or substances, directly or indirectly, to any of the captioned sites, during the 1970-1980 period.

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As your records may reflect, Olin purchased controlling interest in the Philip A. Hunt Chemical Corporation, from Turner & Newall Industries, Inc., on March 1, 1983. Turner & Newall is a corporation located in the United Kingdom and can be contacted through its United States counsel, Sullivan & Cromwell, 125 Broad Street, New York, New York 10004.

The Philip A. Hunt Chemical Corporation has only been a wholly owned subsidiary of Olin Corporation since 1983. The recordkeeping systems of the two companies are not fully integrated and therefore, it will take sometime for Olin Hunt to be in a position to produce any relevant documents, data and information regarding the captioned sites. We, however, do expect to be able to preliminarily respond to your letter of March 28 (and the Commonwealth's letter of April 3 and New Hampshire's letter of April 1) no later than June 30, 1986. At that time we hope to respond to your inquiry regarding our willingness to participate in or conduct the activities described in the above correspondence.

Furthermore, Olin Hunt will be represented at the May 1, 1986 meeting in Boston and we are hopeful that this meeting will be able to provide us with additional details concerning our alleged utilization of these sites and a description of the response activities taken to date.

If you, or your staff, have any questions regarding the foregoing, please feel free to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,

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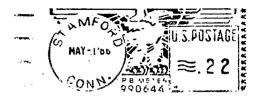
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